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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER ON MIDDLE EAST

REF: (A) STATE 19613, (B) STATE 19616

1. I CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSSON
JANUARY 28 TO PRESENT DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT ON THE MIDDLE
EAST. BEFORE HANDING STATEMENT TO ANDERSSON,
I POINTED OUT THAT USG CONSIDERED THAT SC RESOLUTIONS
242 AND 338 PROVIDE NEGOTIATING FRAMEWORK WHICH MUST BE
KEPT INTACT SO THAT WE CAN MOVE AHEAD WITH NEGOTIATIONS
AIMED AT PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. WE HAD VETOED NON-
ALIGNED RESOLUTION JANUARY 26 BECAUSE IT WOULD HAVE
UNDERMINED THIS FRAMEWORK. I STATED THAT
WE CONSIDER GENEVA FRAMEWORK FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO
PROVIDE A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATING SOLUTIONS TO ALL THE
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ISSUES, AND ADDED THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO WORK WITH THE

PARTIES TOWARDS SOLUTION OF THESE ISSUES, INCLUDING THAT OF THE FUTURE OF THE PALESTINE PEOPLE.

2. ANDERSON SAID GOS AGREED THAT RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 MUST BE THE BASIS FOR ANY FORWARD MOVEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM. SWEDEN HAD ABSTAINED ON NON-ALIGNED RESOLUTION BECAUSE IT DID NOT RPT NOT UNAMBIGUOUSLY REAFFIRM VALIDITY OF THESE RESOLUTIONS, HE ASSERTED.

3. ANDERSSON THEN READ THE STATEMENT IN MY PRESENCE. WHEN HE REACHED THE SENTENCE STATING THAT THE U.S. RECOGNIZED THAT "THERE WILL BE NO PERMANENT PEACE UNLESS IT INCLUDES ARRANGEMENTS THAT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE," HE OBSERVED THAT THIS SENTENCE WAS COMPLETELY IN LINE WITH THE SWEDISH POSITION. HE COMMENTED FACETIOUSLY THAT IT APPEARED THE USG HAD "LIFTED" SENTENCE OUT OF THE SWEDISH STATEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST. HE ADDED THAT IT IS THE GOS POSITION THAT PALESTINIANS ARE ENTITLED TO "NATIONAL SELF-DETERMINATION."

4. THE FOREIGN MINISTER AGREED THAT THERE SHOULD BE INFORMAL PREPARATORY CONFERENCE OF THE PRESENT GENEVA PARTIES LOOKING TOWARDS A CONVENING OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. WITHOUT SUCH A PREPARATORY CONFERENCE, THE GENEVA MEETING COULD EASILY TURN INTO A PROPAGANDA EXERCISE, ANDERSSON CONCLUDED.
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